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THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Yes, God's Saints will rise in the first resurrection as Jesus rose

My precious ones, our hope in rising in the first resurrection as Jesus did, is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ and His righteousness. We are thanking God for the gift of righteousness bestowed upon His Son, Jesus, that we might be shrouded in hope. Hope is everything! When men and women lose their hope, there's nothing else for them to live for; so many end their lives because their hope has gone. One will never have to lose his hope in Jesus because He lives again. He showed Himself after rising from the dead by many infallible proofs that He was the One Who once walked and talked in the midst of friends and enemies with nothing but a spirit of love within Him. God Himself is love and being love, He could not beget a son who did not partake of His nature. Children partake of the nature of their parents and until they are born again of the Spirit of God, they will retain their nature of which they were endowed. So God being love and His begetting the only begotten Son by the Holy Spirit, caused the Son to be nothing but love. He just could not hate or retaliate; He was the expression of His Father toward man. So this morning we adore the birth of Jesus and truly thank God for His resurrection.

My brother and my sister, may I tell you that the mystery of godliness is beyond the conception of the human mind for all the planning of godliness was done without the counsel of man. The Bible plainly tells you that if a man is unsaved (not saved) from the curse of the world (sin) and his wife is saved, she will cause him to be saved if she will imitate the life of Jesus Christ no matter how she is treated like Jesus was (See I Corinthians 7:14). And the Bible declares that when both of them have accepted the nature of Jesus Christ, the child that is born of them will be born holy like Jesus Christ was. What a program ordained of God—His plan! He says, "...**else were your children unclean; but now they are holy.**" But after the wife has stood the test as Jesus did, her home will be blessed with a child in the likeness of the Spirit of the Son of God. What could be done greater for you than for you to be blessed with a little darling child who smiles no matter what comes or goes?

Before telling you of the First Easter, the Resurrection Morning, I want to tell you about the darkest day the world has ever known. It is described in the 23rd Chapter of St. Luke and the 45th and 46th verses. Read! "**And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.**" The sun was dark and the veil in the midst of the Temple was rent. It is said that the sun was veiled in sackcloth, the moon put on a shroud of blood, the stars refused to shine, and every bird stopped singing. It is said that even the flowers dropped their blooms and the buds on the trees fell to the ground. The beasts of the forests wept, and every babbling brook ceased to babble; the grass withered and the flowers thereof died. Read! "**And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.**" Jesus cried out to His Father in a loud voice, "**Father, into Thy hands I commend my Spirit.**" He then gave up the breath of life as we do and died. Those who crucified Him cried out, "truly this man was the Son of God."

It was a dark day. The hope of man seemed to have been shattered because He had spoken the truth in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation and He had made them know that though God had promised death to those who died in disobedience to

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We need the Lord in Spirit.

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You Sing, "Jesus Paid It All." Don't forget the other part, "All to Him I Owe."

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Don't become excited at the storm the devil kicks up. Jesus is the Master of every tempest.

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Jesus proved He was the Son of God by getting up.

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If you want to be loved, be lovely.

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God can't stand by you if you're wrong in spite of His love for you.

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You show your love for God by showing love for each other.

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A double-minded man is one who walks one way and talks another.

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If you learn to be thankful, you will have lots to be thankful for.

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The kingdom of heaven is to enter into you before you are to enter into it.

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Shame those who mistreat you by being nice to them.

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Him, God’s love had sent Him to change the program by His dying for those who had been condemned to die. The Scripture says, **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”** (St. John 3:16). So that message which Jesus brought was the hope, not for just one man but for every man because Jesus died for all men. And it was Satan who brought a doubt into the minds of those who saw Him die, that they would never see Him again in life.

You’ll find the story of that day in St. Matthew the 27th Chapter. Beginning with the 57th verse it tells you what else happened after He died. Read! **“When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’ disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.”** That evening a rich man named Joseph who was a disciple of Jesus begged Pilate for His body. Pilate commanded that it be given to him. Read! **“And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed”** Joseph took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. He then placed it in his new tomb which he had hewn out in a rock and closed it by rolling a great stone to the door of the sepulchre. Then he went away. Read! **“And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.”** The two Marys were sitting by the sepulchre.

Read! **“Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.”** The next day the chief priests and the Pharisees went up to see Pilate and told him that they remembered that Jesus, whom they called the deceiver, had said, “after three days I will rise again,” while he was yet living. Read! **“Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead..”** They asked Pilate to send soldiers to guard the sepulchre and make it sure so no one could open it until the third day. They told him that the disciples may come by night and steal Him away and tell the people that He has risen from the dead. Now listen to what else they said! Read! **“..so the last error shall be worst then the first.”** We’ve made a



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mistake in killing this man. That’s the first error, but if you let them take Him away and then say that He is risen, this error will be worse than the first one, they said.

The next verse tells you what Pilate said to them. **“Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.”** You have a watch that you can use; go your way and make it as sure as you can, said Pilate. **“So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.”** They sealed the stone and put guards there to watch it.

Then something happened. It is found in St. Matthew 28, beginning with the 1st verse. Read! **“In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.”** As it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the sepulchre. Read! **“And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.”** There was a great earthquake and an angel came down from heaven and rolled the stone away from the sepulchre. He sat upon it. **“His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.”** The angel’s countenance was as lightning and his raiment as white as snow. **“And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.”** Those who were placed at the tomb to guard it so that no one would roll the stone away, became frightened and they fell as though they were dead.

Read! **“And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.”** The angel said unto the women, “don’t be afraid! I know whom ye seek—the crucified one.” What else did he say? **“He is not here:**

for he is risen, as he said.” The angel said, He is not here!”

The 11th verse of that same chapter tells you what happened after the Marys had gone. Read! **“Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.”** Some of the guards went into the city and showed the chief priests everything that had happened. Read! **“And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.”** When they came together with the elders of Israel and talked things over; they gave the soldiers large sums of money. They told them to tell those who would ask, that the disciples came by night and stole Him away while you all were sleep. Read! **“And if this come to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.”** If there should come any message to the Governor that you are not telling the truth, we will persuade the Governor and secure you, the elders told them. **“So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.”** They took the money and did as they were instructed. Up until this day, many of the precious seed of Abraham doubt that Jesus ever rose, but there are many who did believe for the message was carried by His disciples who were all Jews. It was carried not only to the Jews but to the whole world—Christ is risen! Christ is risen! That’s how we received it. It came from the mouths of the disciples of Christ who saw Him after the resurrection; to whom He showed Himself by many infallible proofs to those with whom He ate and even to a number of the precious Saints who had died and were buried before His crucifixion—it is said that many of the Saints got up out of their graves after He rose and showed themselves to their friends. Of course, they died again; they did not get up with spiritual bodies, but with one like that of Lazarus when he was raised from the dead.

So the Scripture says in St. Luke 24:2, **“And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.”** And the next verse tells us, **“And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.”** What happened? **“And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:”** It says that while they were standing there perplexed, two men in shining garments stood by them. The two men were angels. Read! **“And as they were afraid, and bowed down**

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The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".

2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.

3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.

4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.

5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.

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3. St. Matthew	17	23	13	_____
4. Acts	2	24	5	_____
5. Genesis	1	9	14	_____
6. Amos	4	7	8	_____
7. Ezra	3	5	4	_____
8. Genesis	28	14	27	_____
9. Ecclesiastes	9	2	14	_____
10. Malachi	2	15	4	_____
11. Numbers	1	4	5	_____
12. Nahum	1	11	4	_____
13. Acts	3	26	23	_____
14. Micah	4	5	9	_____
15. St. Mark	1	35	5	_____
16. Psalm	27	4	6	_____
17. Ecclesiastes	3	19	5	_____
18. Revelation	1	16	26	_____
19. James	2	10	3	_____
20. Proverbs	30	31	4	_____
21. 1Peter	1	17	4	_____
22. Jonah	1	7	25	_____
23. Micah	2	4	30	_____
24. Proverbs	22	1	3	_____
25. Psalm	29	9	11	_____
26. St. Luke	4	40	21	_____
27. Leviticus	5	4	23	_____
28. Acts	2	20	22	_____
29. Romans	10	13	5	_____
30. 1 Corinthians	2	8	5	_____
31. Philemon	1	9	13	_____
32. St. Luke	21	25	18	_____
33. Ezekiel	13	14	14	_____
34. Nehemiah	4	15	16	_____
35. Philippians	1	27	6	_____
36. Hosea	11	9	5	_____
37. Jeremiah	18	6	12	_____
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their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? They were afraid and they bowed their faces to the earth. The two angels said to Mary and her companion, **"He is not here, but is risen:"** The day of the resurrection of Jesus was the brightest.

Jesus is a wonderful Jesus and a great Saviour. My precious ones, whatever God has done—it was for your learning and information that you might rejoice in knowing that you have salvation—deliverance from death. Don't be worried for death is only a dream to those who have received Him. In that morning when the Lord shall descend from heaven with the voice of the Arch Angel and the trump of God, all the Saints shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye and those who died in Christ shall rise and be changed. We shall say "goodbye" to this old world and be as Lazarus was when he was raised from the dead. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, His disciples stood around filled with joy and amazement; they saw him come from the grave and embrace Jesus Christ, then he locked arms with Jesus and went on home with Mary and Martha where they spent the day rejoicing in the power and grace of God. **"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world"** (Titus 2:11) says His Word. The darkest day was just before the brightest day the world has ever known. Amen! May God bless you all.

Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

What Easter Means To All

Is it only that we should have a fine Easter dress and bonnet, and see who can look the best at Easter Time? Well, it means so much more than that.

Before being crucified, Jesus met Nicodemus -- a leader of the people -- and told him that spiritual birth was needed to enter the kingdom of Heaven. Now in case should anyone doubt that He is the Christ, the Son of God, we find in St. John 4th Chapter, 4th Verse to the 26 inclusive:

“And he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For His disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her. If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

“The woman saith unto him, Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

“The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said. I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband; in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

“Jesus saith unto her, woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto Him: I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, He will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.” Jesus met the woman of Samaria and convinced her and the inhabitants of the City of Sychar that He was the Christ.

Also in St. John 4th Chapter, 46th,49th,



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Verse, reading to the 54th inclusive, we find Him healing the nobleman’s son: **“So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So, the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when He was come out of Judaea into Galilee.”**

In St. Mark 1:21-28 and St. Luke 4:33-38, we see Christ healing a man possessed with devils. In another of His miracles, He heals the paralytic. . . . St. Matthew, 9th Chapter, 2d Verse to the 7th inclusive, which reads as follows: **“And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house.”**

The next thought is -- JESUS SPEAKS ABOUT FASTING.

St. Matthew 9th Chapter, Verses 14 and 15. **“Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them,**

Can the children of the bride chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.”

JESUS IDENTIFIED AS THE SON OF GOD. JESUS WAS THREATENED WITH DEATH FOR HEALING ON THE SABBATH AND FOR DECLARING GOD TO BE HIS FATHER.

St. John 5th Chapter, 16th Verse to the 30th Verse inclusive: **“And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.**

“Therefore, the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”

JESUS PROVES HIS IDENTITY -- JESUS DEMONSTRATED HIS HEALING POWER TO THE MESSENGERS SENT BY JOHN THE BAPTIST

St. Matthew 11th Chapter, 2d Verse to 6th inclusive: **“Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.”**

JESUS EXPLAINED BROTHERLY LOVE

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“As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread, Jesus saith unto them, come and dine. This is now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead”(St. John 21:9, 12, 14).

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Calling All Youth

*"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord;
and great shall be the peace of thy children.
In righteousness shalt thou be established:
thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou
shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not
come near thee."*

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



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“...the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: he has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (St. Matthew 28:5-6)”

Over 2000 years ago, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, arose from the dead. The resurrected Christ was seen by all but one (Judas, who betrayed Christ) of His disciples. Even one, who doubted His resurrection, was invited to examine His hands and side that still bore the imprints of the nails and the sword that had pierced His flesh. This resurrected Christ walked around His old neighborhood visiting, eating, and leading worship services with His old friends for the next 40 days. At the end of this time, He ascended or returned to His Father and Heaven where He still lives to intercede for all who love Him—us—His friends, if we do what He tells us to do.

On earth, one of the best visible proofs of His resurrection remains the empty tomb. No body or skeletal remains are there. Thus, there is no need for a monument denoting the spot where He once lay. All other world leaders remain buried someplace and none of them has been seen or heard from since their deaths.

Christians, as the world calls the followers of Christ, and Saints as the Lord calls them, have the only leader Who was resurrected from the dead. His birth, life, death, and resurrection were predicted and are a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. Since these predictions were fulfilled, we know that He will fulfill His next promise to return for His saints. Until His return, the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) helps us live victoriously in this present world. Jesus continually watches over us and cares for all our needs. For now, we, His children celebrate the bodily resurrection of our Savior and Lord. In the words of minister and hymn writer, Alfred Henry Ackley: *I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. I know that He is living whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer. And just the time I need Him, He's always near. He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me, and He talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives, He lives within my heart.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

“...Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen” (St. Matthew 6:9-13).

LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

“...Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God” (Joel 2:17b)?

COMMANDMENT SECTION

“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him (I John 3:18,19).”

And Now a Word from Our Youth

Question: Why do we celebrate Easter? Or what does Easter mean to you?

Easter is a day that I like my Easter candy AND a day that Jesus rose.

By London, Age 8
Danbury

I know that Jesus died on the cross for us.

By N’Dea, Age 10
Baltimore



Easter is the day for Jesus!

By Levell, Age 10
Danbury



We celebrate Easter so that we can remember that Jesus gave His life for us. We celebrate Easter because Jesus rose on the third day after He died on the cross.

By Tsehai, Age 13
Baltimore



Jesus died on the cross but came back to life again! That is why we celebrate Easter!

By Elijah, Age 13
Hyattsville



Easter is about God keeping His promise. God’s creation—man--had gotten himself into trouble that he could not get out of. Man did what God told him not to do and that is sin. He ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. We could not get sin off of us; so, God sent Jesus. He came to die for our sin. He is our Savior. He came, suffered, and died for everyone’s sin. He arose from the dead. That is why we celebrate Easter!

By Makari, Age 14
Washington, D.C.



Easter is about Jesus’ resurrection. He came to earth on a mission for His Father. God needed someone to be Savior for everybody. When Adam and Eve got tricked in the Garden of Eden, we all got infected with a disease called sin. No one could get rid of it, so Jesus came and died to pay for our sin. God resurrected Jesus from the dead after three days. And that is why we celebrate Easter!

By Malayah, Age 11
Washington, D.C.



I love Jesus because He is the best! He died for my sins and was resurrected three days later! And that’s why He is the best! “For God

so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (St. John 3:16).”

By David, Age 15
Capitol Heights



EASTER TRIVIA

What is the significance of the Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny?

There is no story in the Bible about an Easter bunny. Neither is there a passage about young children painting eggs or hunting for baskets overflowing with Easter goodies. Real rabbits certainly do not lay eggs.



While spring once symbolized new life and eggs symbolized fertility in ancient times, Easter eggs came to represent Jesus’ emergence from the tomb and the resurrection. Nevertheless, associating the egg with the



resurrection came about during the 15th century as Roman Catholicism became the dominant religion in Germany. The first Easter Bunny legend was documented in the 1500s. By 1680, the first story about a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them in a garden was published. The legends of the Easter eggs and the bunny were brought to the United States in the 1700s, when German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania Dutch country, according to the Center for Children’s Literature and Culture.

The tradition of making nests for the rabbit to lay its eggs in soon followed. Eventually, nests became decorated baskets and colorful eggs were swapped for candy, treats and other small gifts. While Easter isn’t at all about Easter bunnies and Easter eggs as such, these things are nice to have at Easter time. So, enjoy the chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs at Easter time, but don’t forget the real celebration of Easter!

Easter Joy
By Joanna Fuchs
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Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We’ll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!

ANSWERS TO MARCH HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

Names of God – Identify scripture for each quoted verse.

1. JEHOVAH-MEKADDISHKEM (The Lord Who Sanctifies) “**Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: ...that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you**”.
(Exodus 31:13)
2. JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH (The Lord is There) “**It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day**

shall be, The LORD is there”.
(Ezekiel 48:35)

3. JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU (The Lord Our Righteousness) “**In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**”.
(Jeremiah 23:6)

4. EL OLAM (The Eternal God; The Everlasting God) “**And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God**”.
(Genesis 21:33)

5. EL (The Strong One) “**The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father’s God, and I will exalt him**”.
(Exodus 15:2)

6. YAH or JAH (“I Am”; The One Who Is) “**And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you**”.
(Exodus 3:14)

7. JEHOVAH-RAPHA (The Lord Who Heals) “**Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases**”.
(Psalm 103:3)

ANSWERS TO MARCH FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Wherefore **gird** up the **loins** of your **mind**, be **sober**, and **hope** to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the **revelation** of Jesus Christ (**I Peter 1:13**).
2. But let us, who are of the day, be **sober**, putting on the breastplate of **faith** and **love**; and for an helmet, the **hope** of **salvation** (**I Thessalonians 5:8**).
3. For we are saved by **hope**: but **hope** that is seen is not **hope**: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet **hope** for (**Romans 8:24**)?
4. Blessed is the man that **trusteth** in the **LORD**, and whose **hope** the **LORD** is (**Jeremiah 17:7**).
5. Thou art my hiding **place** and my **shield**: I **hope** in thy **word**) (**Psalms 119:114**).
6. Uphold me according unto thy **word**, that I may **live**: and let me not be ashamed of my **hope** (**Psalms 119:116**).
7. But I will **hope** continually, and will yet **praise** thee **more** and **more** (**Psalms 71:14**).

APRIL HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. How many women went to Jesus’ tomb?
2. What did the women take with them to the tomb and why?
3. What details highlight the significance of Jesus’ resurrection?
4. Because of the large stone in front of Jesus’ tomb, what was the women’s concern?
5. What did the angel at the tomb tell the women?
6. What were they told to do? What is the significance of the mention of Peter?
7. What post resurrection appearances of Jesus does this Gospel mention?

APRIL FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Thou wilt shew me the _____ of _____: in thy _____ is fullness of _____; at thy right _____ there are _____ for evermore.
2. But the _____ of the _____ is as the shining _____, that shineth _____ and _____ unto the perfect day.
3. Thou compassedst my _____ and my _____, and art acquainted with all my _____.
4. Thy _____ is a _____ unto my feet, and a _____ unto my _____.
5. Thy _____ is in the sea, and thy _____ in the great waters, and thy _____ are not known.
6. In all thy _____ acknowledge him, and he shall _____ thy _____.
7. He keepeth the _____ of _____, and preserveth the _____ of his _____.

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of April

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Sister Matilda Jenkins. She serves as the Washington, DC Church of God Sunday School teacher of the Beginners Class.



LESSON 14 – April 3, 2022 SUBJECT: Concern for a Weaker Brother

GOLDEN TEXT: “Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend” (I Corinthians 8:13).

PRINTED TEXT: I Corinthians 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol’s temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson, the Apostle Paul gives instructions regarding walking out the Christian Faith. Many of these followers of Christ members came from pagan lifestyles where many gods were worshipped. Some members were bothered by eating meat that had been offered in sacrifice to idols. Converts had accepted God the Father and Jesus Christ His Son as Lord.

Since they believed Jehovah was the one True God, they wanted nothing to do with idols. Paul had taught them that idols were nothing more that figments of man’s imagination incapable of hearing, speaking, feeling, or acting.

Others in that congregation knew how to worship God. All they needed to do was follow God’s commands and pray to Him.

God called everything He made good, and some very good. Meat was thought to be the issue here. Paul being appointed by God, could see a much deeper spiritual issue. Paul pointed out that knowledge puffs up, but Charity (Love) edifieth. If we are more mature than our brother and we know our liberty and freedom in Christ Jesus, but our brother hasn’t reached that level, we must show humility. We have an obligation to God not to hurt, hinder or use our freedom recklessly. We don’t want to leave anyone behind because of our selfishness. Romans 15:1: We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmity of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

LESSON 15 – April 10, 2022 SUBJECT: Thoughts on the Lord’s Supper

GOLDEN TEXT: “For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come” (I Corinthians 11:26).

PRINTED TEXT: I Corinthians 11:20 When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord’s supper.

21 For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? what shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

LESSON DISCUSSION

How many of us know that, newly made things often have kinks that must be straightened out? The case was no different regarding converts in the Corinthian Church who were misguided in observance of the Lord’s Supper, instituted by Jesus Who said, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. The bread symbolizes His beaten, bruised, body. The wine symbolizes His shed Blood.

He, Who had no sin, became sin for us. He suffered, bled, and died to secure our freedom from the bondage of sin with its penalty of death. When we do things on our own without God’s guidance, our goals get screwed up.

Concerning the Lord’s Supper, some members of the Corinthian Church felt it was all right to combine the Potluck dinner with the holy sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. They saw nothing wrong with getting drunk during that meal. Furthermore, they were comfortable eating all they wanted with little concern for whether other members received adequate portions of food. However, the Apostle Paul rebuked, What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

As children of God, we must take Holy communion seriously, not unworthily or failing to discern the Lord’s body.

LESSON 16 – April 17, 2022 SUBJECT: Witnesses to Christ’s Resurrection (Easter)

GOLDEN TEXT: “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (I Corinthians 15:3-4).

PRINTED TEXT: I Corinthians 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.
8 **And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.**
9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
10 **But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**
11 Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this week’s lesson, the Apostle Paul declares to the Corinthian Church THE GOSPEL. In a nutshell, Believe that Jesus is the Son of God, Receive your Salvation then Stand.

The Gospel has the power to keep one living righteously. The Gospel Paul is preaching to is tested. I can speak this truth because it has changed me. I believe Christ died for our sins according to Scriptures, that He was buried in Joseph’s new tomb, after three days, resurrected, and after forty days ascended to heaven. Jesus’ death was foreshadowed by the account of Jonah being in the belly of the whale for three days. Jesus was in the tomb three days according to Scripture, but He didn’t stay there. HALLELUJAH! He got up! He was first seen by the women, then Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve disciples. After that He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once.

That report will STAND UP in any court of law. Paul said that the greater Part (witnesses) still remained until he had the opportunity to write this letter even though some had died. Jesus’ own brother James who reportedly didn’t believe Jesus was Who He said He was, believed and later pastored the church in Jerusalem. Although Paul persecuted the church, he declared, **But by the grace of God I am what I am.** I pray that we all realize that the resurrected Christ has power to save the lost.

LESSON 17 – April 24, 2022
SUBJECT: God’s Comfort in Trouble

GOLDEN TEXT: “Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God” (II Corinthians I:4).

PRINTED TEXT: II Corinthians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:
2 **Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**
3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
4 **Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.**
5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.
6 **And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.**
7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.
8 **For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:**
9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:
10 **Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;**
11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this second Epistle, the Apostle Paul included a fellow laborer, Timothy, in writing to the Corinthian Church and the believers in Achaia. **Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.** Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort (II Corinthians 1: 2,3).

God comforts us in all tribulations, so that we may be able to comfort others (See II Corinthians I:4). **Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution** (II Timothy 3:12). Why? because ... evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. **But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them** (II Timothy 3:13,14).

Paul and those who were with him suffered many things in Asia. They ... **were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life** (II Corinthians 1:8):
We, as saints, can reference these accounts, and know that it is only Abba Father Who is able to keep us as we go through the trials, and tribulations of this life which help us to grow and remain close to God. We will be comforted and raised up in the last day to life eternal if we continue in those things which we have learned. We must believe, trust, and pray.

What Easter Means To All

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WITH A PARABLE AND TAUGHT THE TRUE MEANING OF NEIGHBORLINESS
St. Luke 10th Chapter, 25th Verse to 37th inclusive: **“And behold a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, what is written in the law? How readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, and who is my neighbour?**
“And Jesus answering said, a certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
“And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.
JESUS DEFENDED MARY, WHO CHOSE TO LISTEN TO HIM. SHE NEGLECTED HOUSEHOLD DUTIES
“St Luke 10th Chapter, 38th Verse to 42d inclusive: **“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house; And she had a sister called Mary which also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**
JESUS LIKENED HIMSELF TO A GOOD SHEPHERD WHO LOVED HIS FLOCK AND WHO WOULD LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP
St. John 10th Chapter, 1st Verse to the 14th inclusive **“**

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which He spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.
“All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

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